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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MALAYSIA AS A SUCCESSOR TO CANADA ON THE ICCS?

FOLLOWING AN INDICATION THAT MALAYSIA MIGHT BE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE ICCS IF ONLY 50-60 MEN WERE REQUIRED, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED EMBASSY SAIGON TO SEEK AGREEMENT FROM THE GVN FOR A JOINT DEMARCHE IN KUALA LUMPUR QUESTIONING WHETHER THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL COULD BE INCREASED. IF NOT, THE MALAYSIANS WILL BE THANKED FOR THEIR RESPONSIVENESS, AND EMBASSY SAIGON WILL ENGAGE PRESIDENT THIEU IN A THOROUGH BILATERAL REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A US-GVN AGREEMENT BEFORE CONSULTING WITH THE INDONESIANS AND CANADIANS. (SECRET) STATE 129025, 6/30 (EXDIS).

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2. NORTHERN CHINA CIVIL AVIATION STAND DOWN EXPECTED TO

END

OUR LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING HAS TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED

THAT THE CIVIL AVIATION STAND DOWN IN NORTHERN CHINA IS RELATED TO THE THERMONUCLEAR TEST ON JUNE 27. THERE HAS BEEN NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN PEKING, AND THE LIAISON OFFICE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT POSTPONED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WILL DEPART JUNE 30. (CONFIDENTIAL) PEKING 429, 6/29.

3. THAIS HARDENING ON US MILITARY PRESENCE

EMBASSY BANGKOK BELIEVES THAT PRIME MINISTER THANOM'S JUNE 20 REPLY TO A PRESS QUERY ABOUT A FUTURE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND WAS DESIGNED TO SIGNAL THAT THAILAND IS CAREFULLY REASSESSING ITS INTERESTS. AT A MINIMUM, THAILAND INTENDS TO DEMAND A HIGHER PRICE FOR PERMITTING A US MILITARY PRESENCE, AND THAILAND INTENDS TO BE LESS LIBERAL IN RESPONDING TO OUR REQUESTS. THE EMBASSY URGES THAT WE TAKE THE INITIATIVE BEFORE THE THAIS COME FORWARD WITH THEIR OWN DEMANDS. (SECRET) BANGKOK 10131, 6/29 (LIMDIS).

4. EC COMMISSIONERS' REACTIONS TO DM REVALUATION

THE US MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS PRIVATELY VIEW THE REVALUATION OF THE DM AS A NECESSARY RESPONSE TO MARKET FORCES GENERATED BY A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR. THEY CONSIDER THE FUTURE OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN AT BEST. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 3650, 6/29.

5. EXPORT EMBARGO STIRS CONCERN IN EUROPE AND JAPAN

EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS HAS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR
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GREENWALD SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECT THE US EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS AND COTTONSEED WILL HAVE ON THE UPCOMING GATT NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS ON OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH THE EC COUNTRIES. LARDINOIS PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO CONSULT ON THE MATTER. IN TOKYO, FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA REQUESTED AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL TO TRANSMIT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

(CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 3649, TOKYO 8248, 6/29.

6. CHILE: UNPLANNED AND UNREWARDED REBELLION

EMBASSY SANTIAGO REPORTS THAT THE JUNE 29 MILITARY REBELLION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN UNPLANNED AND UNCOORDINATED. IT WAS REPORTEDLY TRIGGERED WHEN ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PRATS ATTEMPTED TO RELIEVE THE COMMANDER OF THE SECOND ARMORED REGIMENT. THE COMMANDER, IN TURN, ORDERED HIS TROOPS TO REBEL BUT WAS FORCED TO SURRENDER WITHIN HOURS WHEN OTHER UNITS FAILED TO JOIN THE REVOLT. PRESIDENT ALLENDE, HOWEVER, HAS CALLED THE MOVE AN ATTEMPTED COUP AND HAS PROMISED TO USE ALL MEANS TO DISCOVER THOSE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 2846, 2850, 2851, 6/29. ROGERS

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